

REMARKS

Claims 2–26 are pending in the present application.

Claim 1 was canceled and claims 2, 5, 11, 17 and 21 were amended herein.

Claims 2–10, 12–16, 18–20 and 22–26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the based claim and any intervening claims.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 102 (Anticipation)

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0128986 to *Vayanos*. Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0094656 to *Rao*. Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,058,032 to *Iacono*. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claim. MPEP § 2131 at p. 2100-67 (8th ed. rev. 6 September 2007).

Claim 2 was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 has been so rewritten. In addition,

the limitations of claim 2 have been incorporated into independent claims 11, 17 and 21.

Accordingly, those claims are also believed to now be allowable.

Therefore, the rejections of claims 11, 17 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 has been overcome.

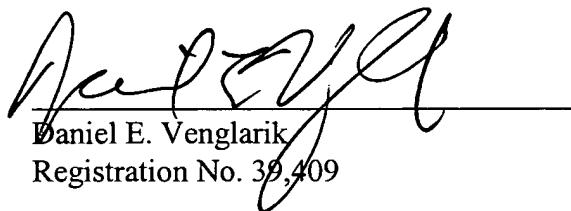
If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at dvenglarik@munckbutrus.com.

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